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New England Regional Library Operational on October 1

With the inauguration on October 1 of the Nation's first Regional Medical Library, the Francis A. Countway Library of Medicine in Boston will offer to health professionals, educators, and researchers in the New England area faster access to biomedical information. As the Regional Medical Library for the New England states (*NLM News*, July 1967), the Countway Library will expand and improve its interlibrary lending service to readers served by local medical and hospital libraries.

New England's regional service is being supported by a regional medical library grant under the Medical Library Assistance Act of 1965 (Public Law 89-291), administered by NLM's Extramural Programs. The funds will also assist in the preparation of a computer-produced list of the periodicals in the Countway collection.

The Harvard component of NLM's MEDLARS (Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System), which now provides computer searches of the biomedical journal literature, will become an integral part of the regional library.

The rich resources of the Countway Library, which comprises the combined collections, staffs, and services of the Harvard Medical Library and the Boston Medical Library, will enable it to serve as a valuable reservoir library for the biomedical community of New England.

According to Countway, circulating items will be lent without limit as to number of requests. They also plan to purchase additional copies of existing titles when they are not available, and to acquire titles which are now owned, in an effort to fill all requests as promptly as possible. The library will send single cost-free copies in lieu of original material in the case of loan requests for journal articles. Initially, no quota will be set on the number of sheets that will be supplied in any one year.

As of October 1, New England libraries requesting interlibrary loan and reference service which cannot be obtained elsewhere within the region should call on the Countway Library, not on NLM, as in the past. Requests which cannot be filled by the Countway Library will be referred to other possible sources including NLM.

In a telegram marking the occasion, PHS Surgeon General William H. Stewart commended the Countway Library staff on their efforts to help bridge the gap between medical research and practice, adding, "This fine example of joint academic, professional, and government endeavor deserves success."

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Deputy Director Appointed to New UNESCO Committee

Scott Adams, NLM Deputy Director, has been appointed to the International Advisory Committee on Documentation, Libraries and Archives, recently established to advise the Director-General of UNESCO on priority action to be taken in these fields.

Mr. Adams will attend the first meeting of the committee in Paris, October 4-7, 1967.

Communications Leader Named to Regents

The President has nominated Bruno Wilhelm Augenstein to the NLM Board of Regents. Mr. Augenstein will replace retiring member Russell A. Dixon, D.D.S., Dean Emeritus of the Howard University Dental School.

Mr. Augenstein

Mr. Augenstein, Vice President for Research, Rand Corporation, Santa Monica, California, is nationally recognized as a leader in the field of communications and information science. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal in April 1965 for outstanding work in the Department of Defense. His broad knowledge will lend impetus to the Library's already expanding programs in research and development for improved biomedical communications.

Recipient in 1943 of the Sc.B. degree from Brown University, Mr. Augenstein earned his M.S. from the California Institute of Technology in 1945, where he was a Fellow. He has been assistant professor of aeronautics at Purdue; a member of the Rand Corporation research staff; science advisor for space programs and director of advanced planning, Lockheed Missiles & Space Company; assistant director, Defense Research and Engineering, U.S. Department of Defense, and, later, Special Assistant to the Director and a member of the Institute of Defense Analysis.

He has served on several senior advisory committees for improvements in information and communication sciences relative to the National Intelligence Community, and has been actively engaged in scientific and technical intelligence and related information activities since 1958.

The Library's 1966/67 Associates receive from Deputy Director Scott Adams certificates attesting their completion of the NLM Associate Training Program. Miss Frances E. Hasemeier (center) and *William I. Plank (left) will remain at the Library, Mr. Plank as Head of the Catalog Maintenance Unit, Catalog Section, TSD, and Miss Hasemeier to work with Robert A. Walkington, Construction Program Officer in the Extramural Programs. Miss Carmen E. Bravo (right) has accepted a position as Supervisor of the Kansas Regional Medical Program Library Project at the Clendening Medical Library of the University of Kansas Medical Center.*

Associates for 1967/68 (NLM News, May 1967) are Miss Rose Marie Woodsmall and James Swanton, who began their training at NLM on September 1.

New Graduate Program in Biomedical Communication

To help meet the acute need for professional specialists in biomedical communication, a new graduate program began this month at Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans. The program, supported in part through a $108,000 grant from the Public Health Service, was announced jointly by David F. Kefauver, Acting Associate Director for NLM's Extramural Programs, and Walter G. Unglaub, M.D., Director of Biomedical Communication at Tulane.

The curriculum includes computer sciences, the printed and spoken word, motion pictures, radio, the photographic arts, and use of the newer electronic media. Courses will be offered at the Tulane University School of Medicine and Graduate School of Business Administration; Emory University School of Medicine; University of Nebraska Schools of Medicine and Journalism; Georgia Institute of Technology School of Information Science; and the National Medical Audiovisual Center. The National Library of Medicine will provide additional facilities and resources for study.

The one-year course, leading to the degree of Master of Medical Science in Biomedical Communication (M.M.S.), is designed to offer advanced students a thorough grounding in the development and use of teaching and learning resources, enabling them ultimately to organize, establish, and administer major communications programs in schools of the health professions and other institutions and agencies in the health field.

Personnel

Newly-appointed Deputy Chief of the Technical Services Division is Stanley R. Smith, most recently Head of Acquisitions at the CIA Library in Langley, Virginia.

Raquel S. Halegua, D.D.S., a member of the Medical Subject Heading (MeSH) Group since May 1966, will join the staff of the Office of Publications and Public Information, where she will serve as scientific editor of the Library's computer-produced recurring bibliographies. Dr. Halegua previously was an indexer at NLM for the American Dental Association's *Index to Dental Literature*.

Miss Emilie V. Wiggins, Head, Cataloging Section, TSD, was elected Member-at-Large of the Cataloging and Classification Section, Resources and Technical Services Division, at the June meeting of the American Library Association.

Mrs. Margaret Hicks, a staff member of NLM from June 1955 to April 1957, has returned to the Library as a Technical Information Specialist, after holding positions with Aerospace Corporation, Los Angeles, and the Clearinghouse for Federal Scientific Information, Springfield, Virginia. She is one of the NLM staff members detailed to a two-year evaluation and implementation of the Library's second-generation computer system (now in the pre-negotiation stage). Mrs. Hicks was recently elected secretary of the American Chemical Society's Division of Chemical Literature.

Appointed to the NLM staff as a computer systems analyst is Mrs. Barbara Sternick, who previously held positions at the Naval Command Systems Support Activity in Washington and, prior to that, the Navy's David Taylor Model Basin.

PRICE CHANGE FOR 1966 ANNUAL CURRENT CATALOG

The U.S. Government Printing Office informs us that the 1966 annual *NLM Current Catalog* has been changed from $4.50 to $7.75. The 1967 annual *Current Catalog* will be available early in April 1968 for $8.00. (To order any NLM publication offered for sale, write: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.)

New NLM Literature Search

Single copies of the following bibliography are available on request to the Office of the Assistant to the Director, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20014. It should be ordered by number. Please do not send requests on interlibrary loan forms.

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